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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

IN RE: SOCIAL MEDIA ADOLESCENT
ADDICTION/PERSONAL INJURY
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

No. 4:22-md-03047-YGR

MDL No. 3047

This Document Relates To:

*Breathitt County Board of Education v. Meta
Platforms, Inc., et al.*

*Tucson Unified School District v. Meta
Platforms, Inc., et al.*

*Charleston County School District v. Meta
Platforms, Inc., et al.*

*Irvington Public Schools v. Meta Platforms,
Inc., et al.*

*Dekalb County School District v. Meta
Platforms, Inc., et al.*

*Board of Education of Harford County v.
Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*

**DECLARATION OF MELISSA L. YEATES
IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL
DISTRICT/LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ENTITY PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO
DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO EXCLUDE
TESTIMONY OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXPERTS**

Judge: Hon. Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers
Magistrate Judge: Hon. Peter H. Kang

Date: January 26, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM

Place: Courtroom 1, 4th Floor

1 I, Melissa L. Yeates, of full age and duly sworn according to law, declare:

2 I am an attorney admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New York and
 3 admitted *pro hac vice* in this Court. I am a Partner with the law firm of Kessler Topaz Meltzer &
 4 Check, LLP, and I serve as Co-Chair of the Local Government Entity and School District
 5 Subcommittee in the above-captioned litigation. I submit this Declaration in support of the School
 6 District Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Exclude Testimony of School District
 7 Experts, filed concurrently herewith. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this
 8 Declaration, and if called upon to do so, could and would competently testify thereto.

9 1. Attached as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of the May 16, 2025 Expert Report
 10 of Dimitri Christakis, M.D., M.P.H.

11 2. Attached as **Exhibit 2** is a true and correct copy of the May 16, 2025 Expert Report
 12 of Gary Goldfield, Ph.D.

13 3. Attached as **Exhibit 3** is a true and correct copy of the May 16, 2025 Expert Report
 14 of Anna Lembke, M.D.

15 4. Attached as **Exhibit 4** is a true and correct copy of the May 16, 2025 Expert Report
 16 of Dr. Ramin Mojtabai, M.D., Ph.D., MPH.

17 5. Attached as **Exhibit 5** is a true and correct copy of the May 16, 2025 Expert Report
 18 of Eva Telzer, Ph.D.

19 6. Attached as **Exhibit 6** is a true and correct copy of the May 18, 2025 Expert Report
 20 of Robert Klein for Breathitt County School District.

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 22 of Robert Klein for Charleston County School District.

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18. Attached as **Exhibit 18** is a true and correct copy of the September 5, 2025 deposition transcript of Robert Klein.

19. Attached as **Exhibit 19** is a true and correct copy of the March 21, 2025 warming email for Breathitt County School District, Bates stamped Klein000006.

20. Attached as **Exhibit 20** is a true and correct copy of the April 3, 2025 warming email reminder for Breathitt County School District, Bates stamped Klein000007- Klein000008.

21. Attached as **Exhibit 21** is a true and correct copy of the April 22, 2025 warming email reminder for Breathitt County School District, Bates stamped Klein000009-Klein000010.

22. Attached as **Exhibit 22** is a true and correct copy of the April 7, 2025, April 21, 2025, and April 24, 2025 warming email and warming email reminders for Charleston County School District, Bates stamped Klein0000011-Klein0000013.

23. Attached as **Exhibit 23** is a true and correct copy of the April 3, 2025 warming email for DeKalb County School District, Bates stamped Klein000014.

24. Attached as **Exhibit 24** is a true and correct copy of the April 14, 2025 warming email reminder for DeKalb County School District, Bates stamped Klein000015- Klein000016.

25. Attached as **Exhibit 25** is a true and correct copy of the April 23, 2025 warming email reminder for DeKalb County School District, Bates stamped Klein000017-Klein000018.

26. Attached as **Exhibit 26** is a true and correct copy of the warming email for Board of Education of Harford County, Bates stamped Klein000019.

27. Attached as **Exhibit 27** is a true and correct copy of the March 27, 2025 warming email for Irvington Public Schools, Bates stamped Klein000020- Klein000021.

28. Attached as **Exhibit 28** is a true and correct copy of the April 4, 2025 warming email reminder for Irvington Public Schools, Bates stamped Klein000022- Klein000024.

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30. Attached as **Exhibit 30** is a true and correct copy of the April 22, 2025 warming email reminder for Tucson Unified School District, Bates stamped Klein000026.

31. Attached as **Exhibit 31** is a true and correct copy of the article *Gender Differences in Careers, Education, and Games* (2008), authored by Claudia Goldin and Lawrence F. Katz.

32. Attached as **Exhibit 32** is a true and correct copy of the article *Virtual Rituals: Community, Emotion, and Ritual in Massive Multiplayer Online Role-playing Games—A Quantitative Test and Extension of Structural Ritualization Theory* (2018), authored by Joseph M. Simpson, J. D. Knottnerus, and Michael J. Stern.

33. Attached as **Exhibit 33** is a true and correct copy of the September 2, 2025 Second Amended Expert Report of Dr. Bryce Ward for Breathitt County Schools.

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2 Expert Report of Dr. Bryce Ward for Irvington Public Schools.

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6 Report of Dr. Bryce Ward for Breathitt County Schools.

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18 transcript of Dr. Bryce Ward.

19 46. Attached as **Exhibit 46** is a true and correct copy of the May 13, 2025 Affidavit of
20 Dr. April Vauss.

21 47. Attached as **Exhibit 47** is a true and correct copy of the May 16, 2025 Affidavit of
22 Sandra Lopez.

23 48. Attached as **Exhibit 48** is a true and correct copy of the May 15, 2025 Affidavit of
24 Will Noble.

25 49. Attached as **Exhibit 49** is a true and correct copy of the May 2, 2025 Affidavit of
26 Daphne Noble.

27 50. Attached as **Exhibit 50** is a true and correct copy of the May 9, 2025 Affidavit of
28 Jeremy Hall.

1 51. Attached as **Exhibit 51** is a true and correct copy of the May 5, 2025 Affidavit of
2 Phillip Watts.

3 52. Attached as **Exhibit 52** is a true and correct copy of the May 9, 2025 Affidavit of
4 Kera Howard.

5 53. Attached as **Exhibit 53** is a true and correct copy of the May 12, 2025 Affidavit of
6 Brian Lambert.

7 54. Attached as **Exhibit 54** is a true and correct copy of the May 13, 2025 Affidavit of
8 Julie Shivanonda.

9 55. Attached as **Exhibit 55** is a true and correct copy of the May 13, 2025 Affidavit of
10 Holly Hammel.

11 56. Attached as **Exhibit 56** is a true and correct copy of the May 13, 2025 Affidavit of
12 Dr. Sabrina Salmon.

13 57. Attached as **Exhibit 57** is a true and correct copy of the May 12, 2025 Affidavit of
14 Anita Huggins.

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16 Lisa Kathryn Allison.

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18 Daniel Prentice.

19 60. Attached as **Exhibit 60** is a true and correct copy of the May 16, 2025 Affidavit of
20 Monika Davis.

21 61. Attached as **Exhibit 61** is a true and correct copy of the May 7, 2025 30(b)(1)
22 deposition transcript of Bernard Hennigan.

23 62. Attached as **Exhibit 62** is a true and correct copy of the May 8, 2025 30(b)(1)
24 deposition transcript of Donovan Brooks.

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76. Attached as **Exhibit 76** is a true and correct copy of Plaintiff Board of Education of Harford County's Amended Responses and Objections to Defendants' Interrogatories (Set 3), dated April 14, 2025.

77. Attached as **Exhibit 77** is a true and correct copy of Plaintiff Irvington Public Schools' Third Amended Answers to Defendants' Interrogatories (Set 3), dated May 14, 2025.

1 78. Attached as **Exhibit 78** is a true and correct copy of Plaintiff Tucson Unified School
2 District's Second Amended Answers to Defendants' Interrogatories (Set 3), dated May 15, 2025.

3 79. Attached as **Exhibit 79** is a true and correct copy of the May 16, 2025 Expert Report
4 of Dr. Sharon Hoover.

5 80. Attached as **Exhibit 80** is a true and correct copy of the June 20, 2025 Amended
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5 94. Attached as **Exhibit 94** is a true and correct copy of the August 13, 2025 deposition
6 transcript volume 2 of Dr. Sharon Hoover.

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8 deposition transcript of Julie Shivanonda.

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10 Amended Expert Report of Dr. Douglas Leslie for Breathitt County Board of Education.

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5 108. Attached as **Exhibit 108** is a true and correct copy of the September 11, 2025
6 Amended Expert Report of Brian Osborne.

7 109. Attached as **Exhibit 109** is a true and correct copy of the September 11, 2025
8 Amended Expert Rebuttal report of Brian Osborne.

9 110. Attached as **Exhibit 110** is a true and correct copy of the September 4, 2025
10 deposition transcript of Brian Osborne.

11 111. Attached as **Exhibit 111** is a true and correct copy of Brian Osborne's curriculum
12 vitae, marked as Exhibit 1 at the September 4, 2025 deposition of Brian Osborne.

13 112. Attached as **Exhibit 112** is a true and correct copy of the article *Social media use*
14 *associated with depression among US young adults* (2016) authored by the University of Pittsburgh
15 Schools of the Health Sciences, marked as Exhibit 19 at the September 4, 2025 deposition of Brian
16 Osborne.

17 113. Attached as **Exhibit 113** is a true and correct copy of the article *How Money Matters*
18 *for Schools* (2017) authored by Bruce D. Baker, marked as Exhibit 20 at the September 4, 2025
19 deposition of Brian Osborne.

20 114. Attached as **Exhibit 114** is a true and correct copy of Plaintiff Charleston County
21 School District's Supplemental Answers to Defendants' Interrogatories (Set 3), dated April 23,
22 2025.

23 115. Attached as **Exhibit 115** is a true and correct copy of Plaintiff DeKalb County School
24 District's Amended Objections and Responses to Defendants' Interrogatories (Set 3), dated March
25 24, 2025.

26 116. Attached as **Exhibit 116** is a true and correct copy of Jeffrey Meyer deposition errata
27 sheet, dated October 9, 2025.

1 I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is
2 true and accurate. This declaration was executed on November 7, 2025, in Radnor, Pennsylvania.

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4 Dated: November 7, 2025

/s/ Melissa L. Yeates

Melissa L. Yeates